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(54) Title: FIELD ELECTRON EMISSION MATERIALS AND DEVICES

(57) Abstract: In a method of creating a field electron emission material, vanadium or a vanadium compound is disposed in respec-
tive locations of a substrate in order to create a plurality of emission site at said locations, at an average density of at least 10 cm^{-2} .
Preferably, the vanadium or vanadium compound is in the form of particles.



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Method of creating a field electron emission material comprising the step of disposing a material on a substrate in order to create a plurality of emission sites wherein the material is vanadium or a vanadium compound and the density of sites is at least 100/cm²

2. Claims: 27,28,29,31,34-41,43-57

Method of creating a field electron emission material comprising the step of disposing a material on a substrate in order to create a plurality of emission sites wherein the material is a metal oxide which is in a further step processed in such a way as to grow whiskers

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